# TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## SECOND COUNCIL.

## FIRST SESSION, 1100.

*Tuesday, the 11th August, 1925.*

**(*OFFICIAL REPORT*).**

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty-three of the Clock, the President presiding.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

*Buses on the Kottayam-Mundakayam Road.*

84. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the 15 buses plying on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of buses run by Travancoreans, by foreigners, and by the Aerial Ropeway and Syndicate Company;

(ii) the dead-weight of each of them;

(iii) the licensed number of passengers; and

(iv) the weight of the luggage licensed?

**MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). There are now 19 buses licensed to ply for hire on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road. A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

*Vide* appendix I—page 582.



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**MR. T. KUMARA PLLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പത്തൊൻപത് ബസ്സുകളെന്നുപറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ലോറികളെക്കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടതുണ്ടോ?

**MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ തോന്നുന്നത്.

**MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ ലോറികളിൽ ഭാരം കയറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകുമ്പോൾ അതിൽ യാത്രക്കാരെക്കൂടി കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

**MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

*Reparation to Bus-owners.*

85. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Do the Government propose to make good to the bus-owners and bus-owning companies the loss incurred by them owing to the stoppage of service of the buses purchased prior to the notification prohibiting the running of buses carrying more than 24 passengers?

(*b*) If not, are the Government aware that the said bus-owners and bus-companies will incur heavy loss?

**MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government propose to exempt from the operation of Notification R. Dis. 1801/J of 24, dated the 26th June, 1924, buses seating more than 24 passengers, registered prior to the 26th June, 1924.

*Levy of tolls at Kuzhittura and on the Kottayam-Mundakayam Road.*

86. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Is the toll for the buses and cars passing through the Kuzhittura toll gate and through the toll gate on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road fixed per drive in the case of the former and per day in the case of the latter? If so, what is the reason for the difference?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative. The Main Southern Road, on which the Kuzhittura toll gate is located, carries a vast amount of bus traffic and the road has therefore to receive more frequent attention and a larger maintenance grant to keep it in a fit condition. The bus-traffic on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road is only just developing. This accounts for the disparity.

**MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): കുഴിത്തുറ ടോൾഗേറ്റിൽനിന്നും എത്ര രൂപാ കിട്ടുന്നു?

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to establish in North Travancore an institution like the Quilon Carpentry School, so as to enable the people there to obtain industrial training?

**MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) A statement* showing, taluk by taluk, the number of students studying in schools conducted under the supervision of the Industries Department is placed on the table.

(*b*) The information given by the member is noted.

(*c*) The matter will be considered after watching the progress of the newly reorganised Carpentry School at Quilon.

## APPENDIX I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 84.**

Particulars of buses plying for hire on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road on the 18th July, 1925.

| Serial No. | Name of owner. | Weight unladen. | | | Licensed to carry | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | T. | Cwts. | lbs. | Persons No. | Luggage Lbs. |
| 1 | K. K. Pillai, Krishnavilas, Changanachery | 1 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 140 |
| 2 | Ananda Dayani Motor Service, Kottayam | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 210 |
| 3 | Swadeshi Motor Service, Mundakayam | 1 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 140 |
| 4 | Motor Transport and Aerial Ropeway Co., Ltd., Kottayam | 2 | 17 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 5 | Do. Do. | 2 | 17 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 6 | Do. Do. | 3 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 400 |
| 7 | Do. Do. | 3 | 5 | 0 | 42 | 400 |
| 8 | Do. Do. | 3 | 6 | 0 | 38 | 360 |
| 9 | Do. Do. | 3 | 12 | 0 | 42 | 400 |
| 10 | Do. Do. | 3 | 5 | 0 | 42 | 400 |
| 11 | Do. Do. | 3 | 15 | 0 | 34 | 310 |
| 12 | Shunmukhavilasam Motor Service, Kottayam. | 1 | 10 | 0 | 19 | 170 |
| 13 | Motor Transport and Aerial Ropeway Co., Ltd., Kottayam | 1 | 18 | 0 | 22 | 200 |
| 14 | Do. Do. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 15 | Do. Do. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 16 | Do. Do. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 17 | Do. Do. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 18 | Do. Do. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 390 |
| 19 | K. Krishnan, Kottayam | 1 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 140 |

*N. B.*—(1) The number of buses owned by Travancoreans... 5.
(2) Do. by Foreigners ... Nil.
(3) Do. by Motor Transport and Aerial Ropeway Co., Ltd., Kottayam ... 14.

**Vide* appendix II —page 8.

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